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SUBJECT: US-ROK BILATERAL TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS

1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM A SEPTEMBER 8 ARTICLE IN SEOUL ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY, KOREA TIMES, WHICH DISCUSSES FORTHCOMING US-ROK BILATERAL TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS. ARTICLE APPEARS TO BE INFORMED DISCUSSION OF SOME KEY ISSUES IN NEGOTIATIONS AS SEEN BY ROKG.

2. ARTICLE EMPHASIZES THAT MFA SPECIFIES THAT MINIMUM 6 PERCENT ANNUAL QUOTA INCREASE RATE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND STIPULATES THAT QUOTA CARRY FORWARD, CARRY-OVER AND SWING ARE POSSIBLE AND THAT EXPORTING COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE SUCH BENEFITS AS "BONUS QUOTAS." POINTING OUT THAT EXISTING AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR 37.5 PERCENT QUOTA INCREASE BY 1976, ARTICLE NOTES THAT KOREA HAS ALREADY USED 10 PERCENT IN 1971, NINE PERCENT IN 1972 AND EIGHT PERCENT IN 1973, LEAVING NO MORE THAN 3 PERCENT RATE OF INCREASE (PRESEABLY PER ANNUM) FOR REMAINDER OF PERIOD.

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THIS IS REFERRED TO AS BEING SIGNIFICATN POINT IN

NEGOTIATIONS. ARTICLE ALSO REFERS TO AN ALLEGED PROBLEM KOREA HAS IN MATTER OF BASE YEAR BECAUSE IT HAS NOT FILLED MORE THAN EIGHT PERCENT OF CURRENT QUOTAS OVER PAST EIGHT MONTHS.

3. OTHER SIGNIFICATN POINTS INCLUDE: (A) ROKG WILL SEEK MORE FAVORABLE QUOTA INCREASES THAN US-JAPAN AGREEMENT, WHICH, ACCORDING ARTICLE, PROVIDES FOR 6 PERCENT INCREASE IN COTTON, 6.2 PERCENT IN MAN-MADE FIBERS AND ONE PERCENT IN WOOL; AND (B) ROKG WILL ENDEAVOR REDUCE CURRENT 35 RESTRICTED ITEMS TO 25 ITEMS.
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